

## REMARKS

Claims 4-19 are pending. Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations set forth in previously presented claim 5 and to recite that “the gelatinous cushion is thin enough to fit within a glove.” Support for this new limitation is found in the specification where it states - “[a]t the heart of my invention is the use of a gelatinous cushion, which is lightweight and comfortably conforms to the hand. It is thin enough to fit nicely within any standard glove, boxing or martial arts.” (See page 3 of the Specification). In sharp contrast, the cited prior art, *i.e.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,689,828 issued to Mah and U.S. Patent No. 6,141,801 issued to Helenick, does not disclose or suggest a protective hand guard that fits within a glove. Rather, the cited prior art discloses a glove or a partial glove. As a result, the pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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